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A GONDOLA FOR HIRE —in London!

HAVE you ever wanted to ride in a gondola? If you have, there's now no need for you to go to Venice, as the Inland Waterways Association is hoping to celebrate its tenth National Rally of Boats by offering the public a 15-minutes' gondola ride at five shillings a head.

The gondola, which has been loaned by the Italian State Tourist Board, is just one of the attractions of the Rally, which is being held from 15th to 19th August at Little Venice, a stretch of water on the Regent's Canal, near Paddington, London.

Boating enthusiasts will also be able to see scores of craft, ranging from 70-foot-long narrow boats to cabin cruisers.

Inland cruising is rapidly growing in popularity, and it is expected that attendance figures will be at least 30 per cent. higher than last year's record. It is estimated that the boats coming to the Rally will, between them, have covered 20,000 miles and passed through 10,000 locks.

Twelve-Year- Old Composer



HERE'S Michael Cole, a promising young pianist of twelve. The other day he appeared at London's Wigmore Hall and played one of his own compositions. He comes from Cambridge and is a member of the National Junior Music School.

OVER THE BRINK

FOUR young French mountaineers fell nearly 1,500 feet in the Alps, and only one of them was injured. They were trying to cross The Devil's Needles, five peaks near Mont Blanc, when huge chunks of ice suddenly hurtled towards them.

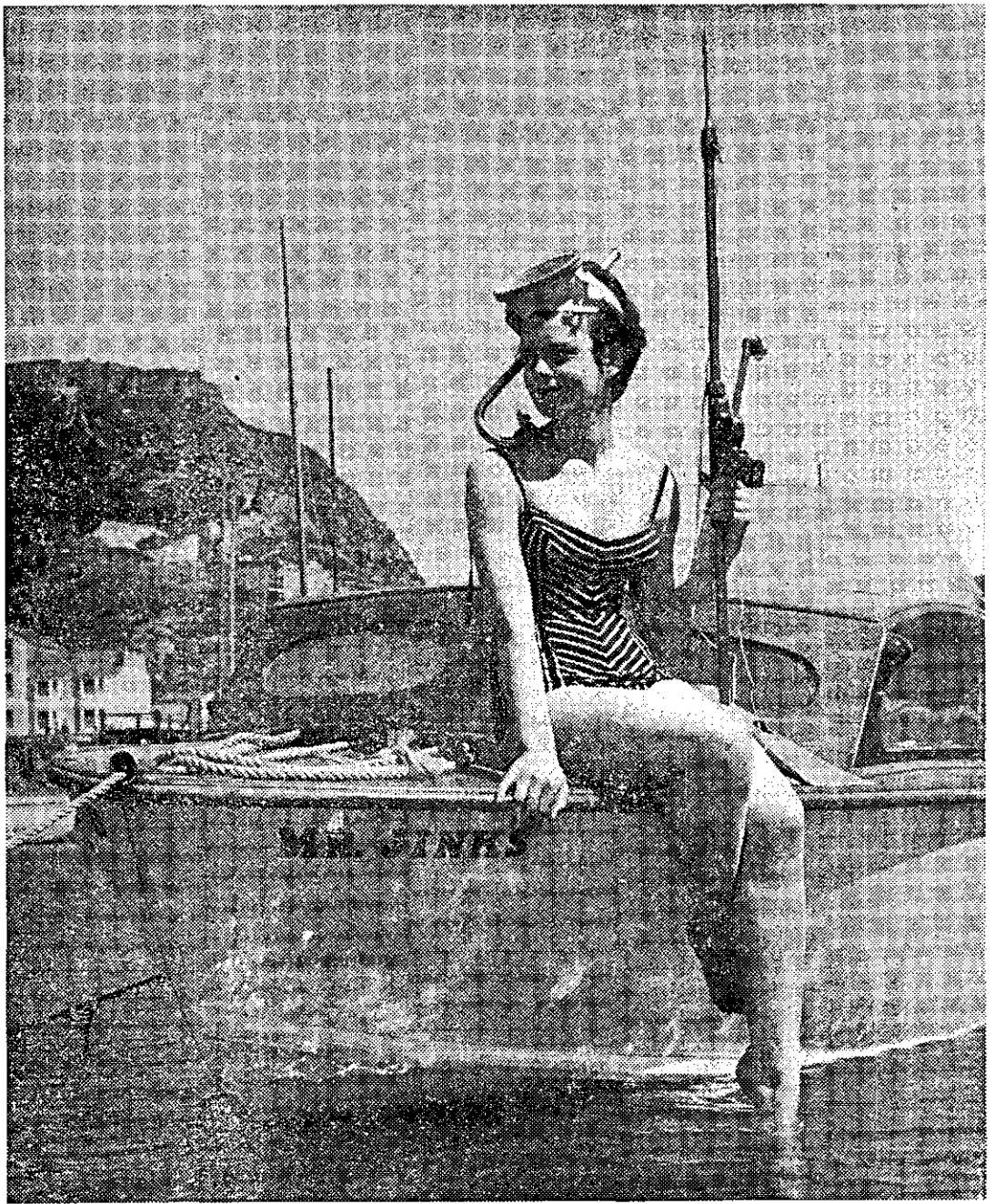
Then came the avalanche of snow, and all four, roped together, were swept off the mountainside. They fell sheer, narrowly escaped a jagged outcropping of rock, and landed almost 1,500 feet below in an expanse of soft snow.

Two other climbers, on the other side of the valley, watched the scene in horror, then hurried to the spot. Though badly shaken, the only real casualty was one man with a broken elbow. The party spent the night in a mountain refuge hut, and next day were flown to Chamonix by rescue helicopter.

NAMES ON PLATES

So many visitors have asked the names of animals at Chessington Zoo, Surrey, that plates giving them have been placed beside the scientific names. Visitors can now read names like "Uncle," a stump-tailed monkey, "Booboo," a sloth bear, "Punjabi" for a lioness, and "Buster," a grey seal.

The giraffe is called Happy because he always looks cheerful and friendly; a zebra has the name Smog because he was born during a London fog. A sacred baboon is named Horace.



Spear Girl in Training

SIXTEEN-YEAR-OLD Barbara Haslock of Scarborough, Yorkshire, may look in this picture as if she is just another pretty girl spending a leisurely holiday in some popular resort.

In actual fact, Barbara is spending all her spare time putting in hours of strenuous work, training for the North of England Spear-Fishing Championships, in which divers from all parts of Britain are competing at Scarborough, on 14th September.

This event, which is being organised by the British Sub Aqua Club, shows the ever-

growing enthusiasm for the sport of skin-diving, which only started being taken seriously in this country in 1950. Since then the British Sub Aqua Club has established over a hundred branches.

At Dartmouth in Devon, there is now even a special Centre, where future divers may be instructed in the use of the standard diving apparatus.

WORKING HOLIDAYS

YOUNG volunteers from several countries are spending their holidays working at a training centre for mentally handicapped people at Danby, Yorkshire. Members of the International Voluntary Service, they have come from France, Italy, Holland, Germany, Belgium, Denmark, the USA, Turkey, Switzerland, and Spain, as well as from Great Britain.

Planting trees and putting up wire fencing against rabbits are among the jobs they are carrying out. They receive food and accommodation in camp free, but apart from that they pay their own expenses.

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KNOW YOUR NEWS

FAR EAST FEDERATION

By our Special Correspondent

MALAYSIA DAY will be celebrated on 31st August, exactly six years after Malaya became independent and a full member of the Commonwealth.

On that day a new British-sponsored federation of four States will come into being.

Founder-members of this "family" of ten million people of many tongues and races are MALAYA, SINGAPORE, SARAWAK, and North Borneo, which is renamed SABAH.

Brunei, a small Borneo sultanate which once held sway over the whole of that vast island, found fault with the agreement reached by the other States in London on 9th July and refused to sign it.

This little upset is a foretaste of the problems the federation is almost bound to face.

Constitutionally there is no difficulty in setting it up, even though all the members are at different stages of political development.

Singapore, a city-State, won home rule—that is, the right to run its own internal affairs—in

1959. Sarawak and Sabah have remained under British protection. (Brunei achieved home rule after 1959.)

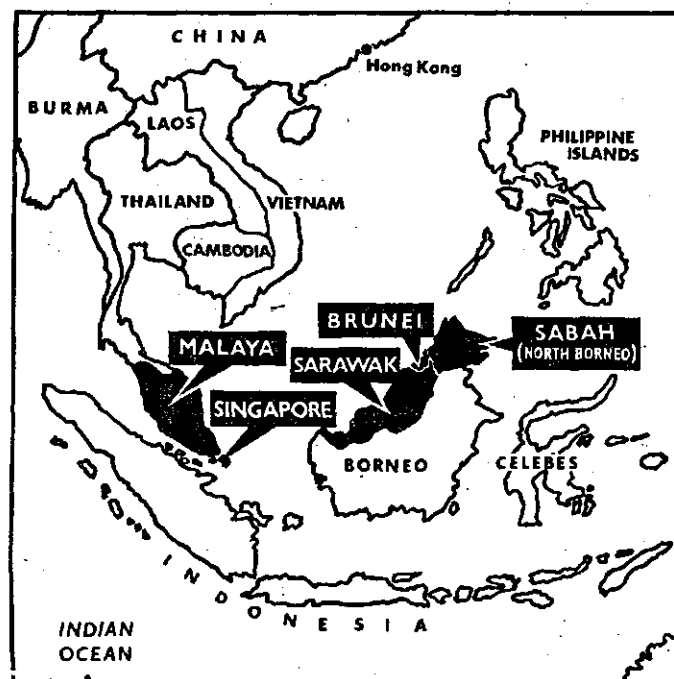
Now that British control is to be withdrawn after some two centuries, the smaller territories will look up to their "older brother," Malaya, where more than three out of five "Malaysians" live.

Britain will continue to maintain the great Singapore bases. Under the agreement she can use them "for the defence of Malaysia, for



Lee Kuan Yew,
Premier of
Singapore

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Strong patrons

As a member of the Commonwealth, the new federation will also take its place in world affairs, with the backing of strong patrons such as Britain, Australia, New Zealand, and India.

Outside the Commonwealth, Malaysia can rely on other nations of the South-east Asia Treaty Organisation—the defence pact known as SEATO.

But there are lurking enemies and rivals, too. COMMUNIST CHINA (population: 700 million) clearly resents the setting up on her doorstep of a bloc of anti-Communist States larger than the British Isles.

Not only this—Chinese living in Malaysia make up 43 per cent. of the whole population. Some of these Chinese are hostile to the Communist Government in Peking, but there are plenty of Communist Chinese on this side of the Far Eastern "curtain", especially in Singapore, who will consider it their task to destroy

this new federation if they can. Forty per cent. of Malaysia is of Malayan stock, the main religion being Moslem.

It might be thought this would make for friendship with Malaysia's nearest neighbour, INDONESIA (population: 90 million), the former Dutch East-Indies empire. But not a bit of it. Only recently President Ahmed Sukarno of Indonesia has been abusing the Tunku (Prince) Abdul Rahman, Prime Minister of Malaya and chief architect of Malaysia.

Indonesia occupies most of the island of Borneo. Its long-term design is to "free" the northern parts of that island which now come into Malaysia.

Chance to survive

Finally, there are the PHILIPPINES (population: 25 million), whose independent republican Government claims part of North Borneo.

All these are factors calculated to daunt the founding fathers of the Malaysia federation.

We can only hope that it will be given a fair chance to survive, and that it will not become the cockpit of cold-war rivalries between East and West.



Tunku Abdul
Rahman, Premier
of Malaya

Readers' Letters

News from Philip of Penetanguishene

Dear Sir,—I have a very interesting set of three books that I thought you would like to know about.

This set, published in 1846, shows a complete geography of the known world at that time, plus a history of geography and a section on the principles of geography.

These books show how central Africa, along with the sources of the Nile, were as yet unknown, and how Turkey included much of Europe. The United States at that time went as far west as Texas, Arkansas, and Missouri. The books also show how

England's population was only about 27 million, and New York's population only 312,000.

My father bought these volumes at the auction of a doctor's house for one dollar 50.

I was born in England and came to Canada when I was four; I am now eleven.

Penetanguishene, where I live, was an early French settlement on Georgian Bay in Huronia.

Philip Brown, Penetanguishene, Ontario.



Parry Sound on Georgian Bay Ontario Government Office

Letters from readers are always very welcome. Send them to: The Editor, Children's Newspaper, Fleetway House, Farringdon Street, London, E.C.4.

More about those Orchids

Dear Sir,—I noticed that Mark Roberts (issue dated 13th July) said he had never seen the 'bee orchid'. I have been lucky enough to see it, when I was on a geography lesson outing with some of our school. It is only very small. When it flowers it looks like a bee hanging out of a flower.

Susan Chaplin, Kirton, near Boston.

Dear Sir,—I was very interested in Mark Roberts's letter, because Mother and I are very keen on wild flowers.

Each year we visit our same orchid haunts where we first discovered them. This year we have again found the Early Purple, Common Twayblade, Common Spotted, Heath Spotted, Green Man, and White Helleborine all growing on the Downs near our house.

Last year we found a Pyramidal and a Bee Orchid.

Julia Kibblewhite (9), Merrow, Guildford.

A lot of readers have written to me on this subject. I am sorry I cannot publish more than these two letters. Editor.

A Pocketful of Very Young Rabbit

Dear Sir,—I thought you would be interested to hear about our family's rather unusual pet. He is a young wild rabbit.

It all began in April, when my uncle was harrowing one of his fields in Ketton, Rutland. As he looked back over the piece he had just done, he saw this tiny wild rabbit scrambling over the ground.

He knew that, if he left it, it would either get eaten by rats or else die by some other means, so he put it in his pocket and brought it back to the farm. The little thing was very scared, but my sister, who is 19, first managed to force some warm milk and glucose down its throat. The rabbit spent the rest of the day up the sleeves of our jumpers, as we were wearing big ones at the time.

The rabbit was very small when we first got him, and after comparing him with other young rabbits and judging that he had only just been weaned, we calculated that he was about a week or two old. When we took him home from the farm, he travelled the hundred miles in a large box at the back of the car.

We did have a small cage at home and as he was so small we made a kind of run in the study, and he lived there for about three weeks. During that time he

showed us his likes and dislikes. He developed a passion for corn-flakes in the mornings and he also liked a little half-set jelly.

We then put his cage in the summer-house at the end of the garden and every day, as he got bigger and more sturdy, he went out in a lovely big wire run we made for him, with a rubber cape over one end to give him a little shelter. The difficulty on wash days when it starts to rain is whether to get Nickie, as we call him, or the washing in first!

Now Nickie is about three months old and is very tame and friendly.

If any other readers have similar pets, I would be interested to hear from them.

Annemarie Warren, Walthamstow Hall, Sevenoaks, Kent.

Riding for a fall?

Dear Sir,—I ride a pony and my Daddy is teaching me to jump.

I thought the girl jumping (issue dated 20th July) was very bad as she was too much out of the saddle and the horse looked so unhappy with his ears back and the martingale too tight.

Dawn Barr (9), Hartpur, Gloucester.

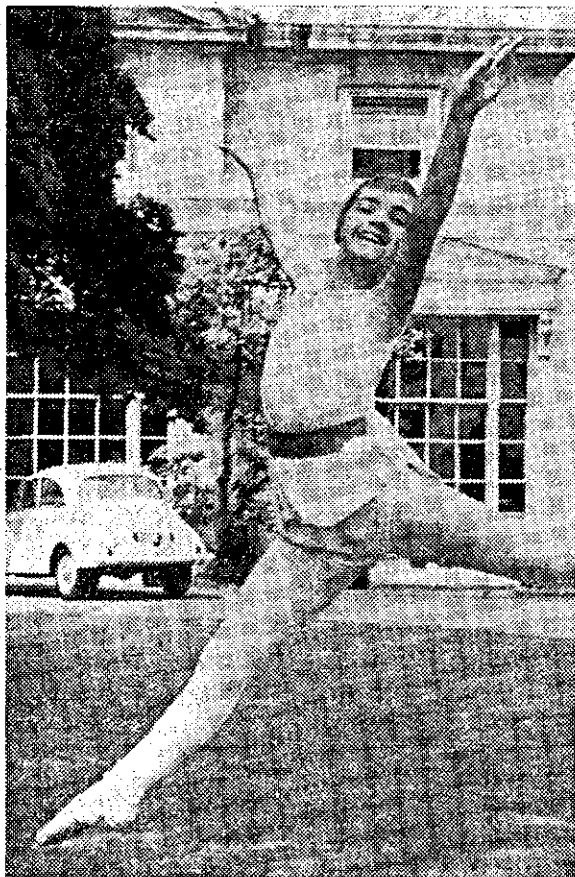
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**Specially
for
Girls...**

CINDERELLA (1963) AND HER FAIRY GODMOTHER

Many Happy
Returns to
Princess Anne,
who will be 13 on
15th August.



LEAPING for joy is eleven-year-old Anita Desmarais who, unlike the fairy-tale Cinderella, didn't have to leave at the twelfth hour. And why? Because Anita has a real live fairy godmother.

The story began two years ago when Anita came to England from Mauritius and was the only one of 17 to be given a place at the Royal Ballet School.

Regarded by Dame Margot Fonteyn as being a child of "exceptional talent" made it even more heartbreaking when her parents found they couldn't afford to keep Anita at the school. Then, miraculously, Anita was allowed to stay, after an anonymous benefactor paid her fees.

That was the beginning of several happy events for Anita. Next, in company with twelve other dancers, she was chosen to perform with the fabulous Bolshoi Company in *Cinderella* for four consecutive nights at Covent Garden. But it was not until the final curtain on the first night that Anita found out the name of her fairy godmother, when she received a posy of pink rosebuds and a telegram signed—Elizabeth Taylor!

Anita's next big thrill? To meet the film star in person and to be able to thank her for making such wonderful things come true.



GIRL LIFEGUARDS

LATEST recruit to Blackpool's life-guards is a 17-year-old Sixth Form schoolgirl—Jennifer Ward.

A crack swimmer with a side-board full of trophies, Jennifer took her life-saving certificate and was accepted by the Royal Life-Saving Association as a qualified life-guard. Although it's a man-size job, Jennifer is well able to handle it, and during school holidays she patrols Blackpool's beaches with a corps of unpaid volunteers.

An even younger life-saving expert is six-year-old Pam Clatworthy of South Elmsall, near Sheffield. Pam started swimming, on doctor's orders, when she was three, and now has the Royal Life Society's Unigrip certificate. She takes part in demonstrations at the local swimming baths.

Although Pam is only 3 feet 2 inches high and weighs just a little over three stone, she is capable of supporting and rescuing a man of twelve stone!

THAT'S THE STYLE

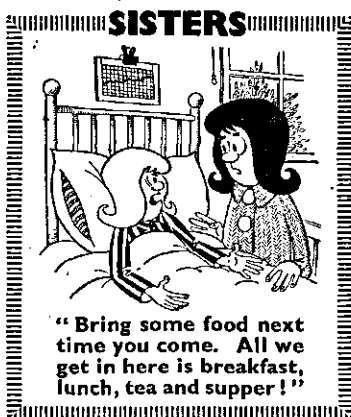
AMERICAN hairdressers now use a scheme to give women a more individual variety of hairstyles than before. By superimposing any of eighty different hairstyles on a client's photograph, she is enabled to choose the one that's "just her."

TALENT TROPHY

ANOTHER possible star-in-the-making is 14-year-old Susan Kingsbury of Thorpe, Surrey—a girl very much on her toes!

Talented. Susan was presented with a Stagecraft Trophy when she recently gave a performance in aid of the Freedom from Hunger Campaign. One of the most promising pupils at the Egham Dancing School, she has been highly commended in her Grade 5 examination by the Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing.

She's pretty, too!



PETER, MY PONY

Here is another in our series of articles for all lovers of ponies and riding. Written by an expert—Pamela Clark—the articles present a diary of Peter, a New Forest pony, and his Mistress.

I COULD hardly wait to get home from school the other day as I'd missed my early morning ride and knew that Peter would be eagerly waiting for me.

But instead of trotting over to meet me, he stood pawing the ground and looking anxiously at his sides. As he appeared listless, I decided not to ride him, and when, later, he refused to eat, I knew something was wrong.

"A dose of colic caused by eating dirty hay," said the Vet. Now Peter's always fed in the stable from a hay net, so I couldn't see how he'd come to eat dirty hay. Then Mummy remembered the morning she'd fed him because I'd got up too late. She'd given him loose hay. Well, she doesn't understand ponies and didn't know that he'd trample it underfoot before eating.

Besides causing colic, if he were fed like that often he'd soon lose weight by not getting his full food quota.

Anyway, it was my fault. Meanwhile, Peter has to be "drenched" (given medicine in a specially made bottle) and I can't ride him till he's better.



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THE LATEST TWIST

Good news for those who would like to twist without effort—a patent has been granted in America for a spinner attachment to shoes!

Vicky



This



Wide



World



How Did His Didgeridoo Do?

Last week we had a news item about the first Australian Aborigine to play a didgeridoo in a public competition. Now we have heard that the player, Gregory Bundara, lost his "instrument" just before he was due to appear. But some children came to his rescue. They had made one from a piece of galvanised piping that had originally been a section of telegraph pole.

On this Gregory won the competition. The adjudicator said he got a better tone out of the home-made instrument than that usually produced by Aborigines from the traditional wooden didgeridoo.

NOUVELLES DE FRANCE

Il n'est pas rare que l'aéroport d'Orly serve de cadre à d'émouvantes retrouvailles. Aujourd'hui, ce fut le cas pour quatre-vingts jeunes étudiants français qui, après avoir passé un an d'études aux États-Unis, ont retrouvé leurs familles derrière les barrières de contrôle.

Quelle ne fut pas la surprise des voyageurs des autres vols lorsqu'ils entendirent tous ces jeunes échanger les premiers mots d'affection. Aux expressions familières des parents inquiets: "Comment vas-tu?" "Tu n'es pas trop fatigué?" les enfants répondaient inconsciemment en anglais! Ce groupe, qui était parti l'année dernière, n'avait, en effet, jusqu'à son retour à Paris, jamais eu l'occasion de parler français.

A 10s. 6d. book token will be awarded for what the Editor considers the best translation received by Wednesday, 14th August. Send to: Nouvelles de France, Children's Newspaper, Fleetway House, Farringdon Street, London, E.C.4. 20th July winner: Alan Francis, 80 Braemar Avenue, Neasden, London, N.W.10.

PRAYING FOR RAIN

Hong Kong has been suffering from one of the worst droughts in its history. Here Buddhist monks and nuns are seen in a procession which was part of a praying-for-rain ceremony lasting 12 hours.

To preserve dwindling supplies, the Colony's water-mains are turned on for only four hours every fourth day.

Ships in the harbour, which in normal times take on huge quantities of water at Hong Kong, have been discharging what they already have in their tanks into the Colony's water system. Warships have had to rely on their distillation plants for turning sea water into fresh, and have pumped ashore any surplus they may have. Even airline passengers have arrived carrying plastic bags full of water—every drop is precious!

The situation also gravely threatens Hong Kong's industry, for many factories depend on a steady water-supply.

In a desperate effort to solve the crisis, the Government has been sending tankers to China to pick up water from the Pearl River.



Arctic Summer Holidays

About 66 boys with eleven leaders are to spend their summer holidays in Finland at a point 150 miles north of the Arctic Circle. They are members of the British Schools Exploring Society, and they will study the natural history and weather of this deserted region of lakes and forests.

They have permission to cross the Norwegian frontier to do some mountaineering, including some intensive marches, the longest of which will last about 14 days.

They are due home next month.

Collectors' Piece—in Russia

Russians are keen collectors and have about 90 societies devoted to their hobby.

The articles they collect range from pencils to sweets labels, from balalaikas to old coins.

Often collections are handed down from one generation to another. A collection of pens started by a celebrated Russian writer is still growing in the hands of his grandson.

An artist who is also an autograph hunter has an ingenious method of obtaining signatures from the famous. He sends a sketch of the celebrity, and generally gets it back with the coveted autograph.

He calls these sketches his "postal boomerangs," and now has a collection of several hundred.

RICE GROWS WELL IN THE SOUTH OF FRANCE



Flooded acres in the delta of the River Rhone grow enough rice to supply the whole of France. These French land-workers are putting young rice plants in a "paddy field" near Arles.

Fiery Mountain

Russian miners are studying how to obtain coal from a mountain that has been burning for about a thousand years. Situated in a remote part of the Pamir-Alai Mountains, its summit consists of a mass of brown rock and huge stones, through which clouds of smoke and gas escape. The stones are so hot that local shepherds use them to boil their tea or cook their meat.

It is estimated that the fiery mountain still contains 2,000 million tons of unburnt coal of excellent quality—and the seams lie close to the surface. The problem is how to work them.

Briefly...



Luggage buses

Buses with trailers for passengers' luggage may be run in districts where railway services have closed down.

Training to become interpreters at the 1964 Olympic Games in Tokyo, 300 Japanese students have begun a course in English and French.

An icebreaker with circular saws has been designed by Leningrad engineers.

Two Rotherham boys found a roll of £814 in notes in the road and handed it to the police. The owner, a shop-keeper, gave them £5 each and said, "I am very relieved, and very grateful to two honest lads."

Chilly

Scientists at the South Pole have reported a new record low temperature of minus 127 degrees Fahrenheit.

Mr. Keith Slocombe of St. Ives, Cornwall, claims to be the first person to have made a Channel crossing on a surf-board. He paddled from Dover to a point on the French coast near Boulogne.

Outlaws?

With the approval of their headmaster, sixth form boys of a grammar school at Romford, Essex, are to wear "Robin Hood" hats instead of caps next term.

Thirteen-year-old John Harper of Wolverhampton has been awarded the Royal Humane Society's testimonial for rescuing a younger boy from a canal.

Safe Swansea

Swansea has won the title "Safety Town of Great Britain" in the National Safety League.

In gratitude for his treatment, Mr. George Norgate has given a TV set and telephone trolley to the Military Hospital, Fulford, York. Four nights a week he travels ten miles to the hospital to cheer up the patients.

Brickfield giant

The fossil of a giant reptile that lived about 150 million years ago has been found in a brickfield near Bedford. Believed to be the biggest ever discovered in this country, it is over 30 feet long and 21 feet in girth.

RADIO WAVES FROM THE SKY

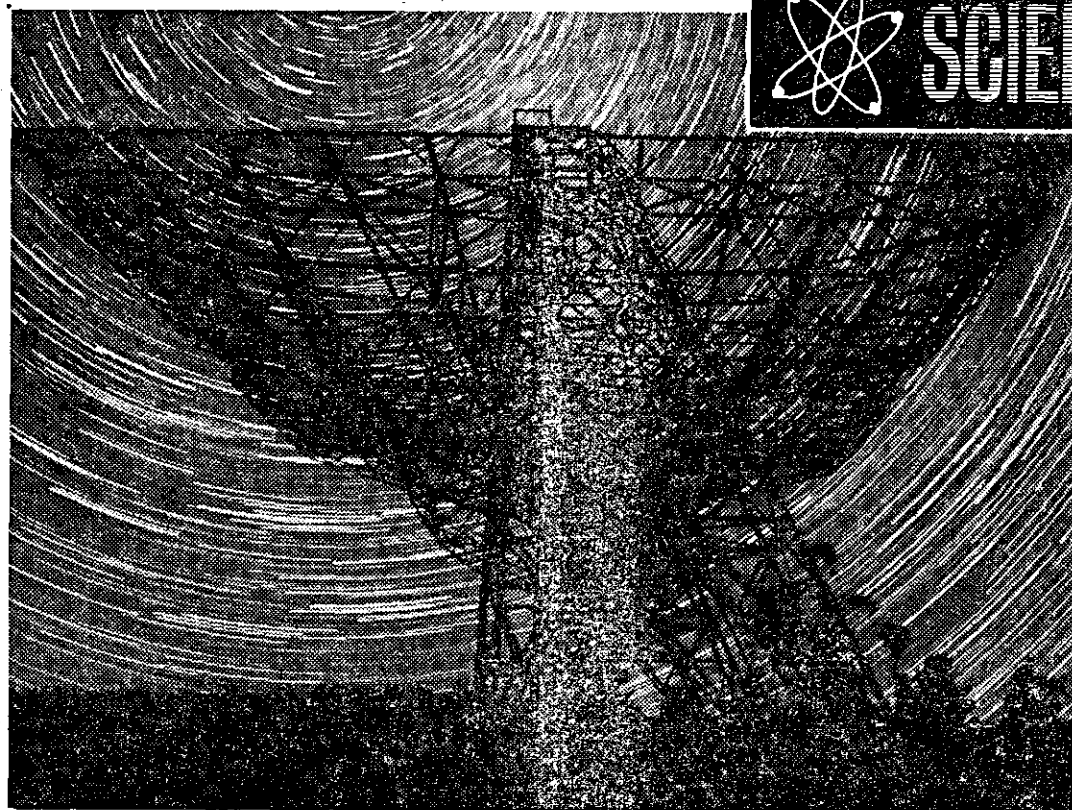
By
Patrick Moore

LONG ago, in the winter of 1609-1610, the great Italian astronomer Galileo first turned a telescope to the skies, and saw the craters of the Moon, the satellites of Jupiter, and the countless stars in the Milky Way.

This was the beginning of modern observational astronomy, and it has taken only three-and-a-half centuries for Galileo's tiny telescope to be developed into the great reflector at Palomar, California, which has a mirror 200 inches across. The Palomar reflector has a tremendous "light-grasp" and is able to photograph remote star-systems thousands of millions of light-years away.

Spectroscopes

I say "photograph," not "see," because most astronomical work is now carried out by means of photography. There are other instruments, too, such as spectroscopes, which are able to split up light and tell us what materials are present in the stars.



The Nançay radio telescope

Meanwhile, yet another branch of research has come to the fore. This is radio astronomy, which began in the early 1930s, when an American experimenter named Karl Jansky found that radio waves are reaching us from space.

Light may be regarded as a wave-motion, and the distance from one wave-crest to the next is termed the "wavelength." Red light has a longer wavelength than yellow, which in turn is longer than blue. If the wavelength is greater than that of red light, the radiations cannot be seen: they are "infra-red," and are invisible, though they may be detected without difficulty. When we come to very long wavelengths, the radiation is said to be in the "radio range."

Jansky found that he could pick up radio waves from the Milky Way, and he built what was really the first radio telescope. It was not in the least like an ordinary telescope, and it did not produce a visible picture; the instrument was more in the nature of a wireless aerial, and the incoming waves were converted into either electrical impulses or "noise." Since then, very large radio telescopes have been built, and the greatest of all—the tremendous instrument at Jodrell Bank, near Manchester—consists of a metal dish 250 feet in diameter.

Noise from the Sun

Just as an optical telescope collects and focuses light-waves, so a radio telescope collects and focuses radio waves. Most people have listened to broadcasts of noise from the Sun and the Milky

Way, but it is important to remember that this is not a true record of sounds from space; sound-waves are carried by air, and there can be no noise in airless space. The noise is produced inside the receiver of the instrument, and is only one way of recording the radio waves coming from far beyond the Earth.

It is now known that bodies in the sky send out radiations of all kinds, and obviously it is important for us to study them all. Radio telescopes have given us information which we could not have obtained in any other way. For instance, we can never see the centre of our star-system or Galaxy, because our view is blocked by clouds of dust and gas; radio waves, however, can pass straight through this material, and can be picked up on Earth, so that by this new branch of astronomy we can study regions

which are permanently hidden from our view.

We can also receive radio waves coming from tremendous distances. Certain remote star-systems are powerful emitters, and it is now thought that the radio waves from them show that we are dealing with cosmic disasters—collisions between galaxies, so far away that even the Palomar optical reflector cannot tell us much about them.

Then, too, there are interesting radio sources nearer to us. One, of particular significance, is the so-called Crab Nebula, which we know to be the wreck of a star which exploded long ago. We can still see the remains, in the form of a steadily expanding cloud of gas, and we can record the radio waves which it sends out.

Important role

One of the latest large radio telescopes has been set up at Nançay, in France. It has a concave metal "dish" 300 metres across, together with a receiving aerial 40 metres high. It has been used to study the radio waves from outer galaxies, and will certainly play an important part in astronomy of the future.

In the illustration, the Nançay telescope is shown against a background of stars; each star is drawn out into a trail, since the photograph was a time-exposure, and the stars seemed to move steadily across the sky because of the rotation of the Earth on its axis.

Two methods

In this picture, the old method of visual photography and the new method of radio astronomy come together—and the two techniques are, indeed, branches of the same science.

Radio astronomy will never take the place of optical astronomy, but it has opened up many fresh fields of research.

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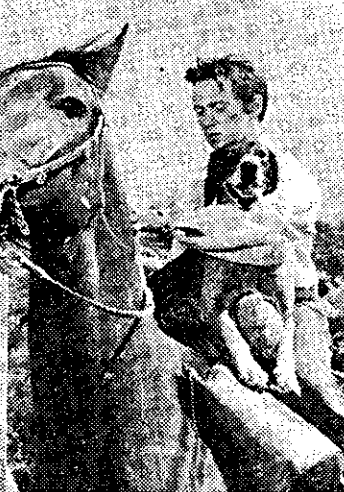
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SAVAGE SAM (Kevin Corcoran, Tommy Kirk, Marta Kristen.)

One hundred and ten minutes in old-time Texas is what Walt Disney offers us in this shooting, galloping picture.

Kevin Corcoran plays a lumpy, lazy farm boy whose faithful hound, Savage Sam (of the Guess-Which breed), picks up the scent of a wild cat and disappears over the Texas horizon in a few strides. The boy jumps on his mule and follows.

This starts quite a lot of trouble for quite a lot of people in which the boy, his brother, and a neighbour's daughter are carried off by Indian cattle-thieves. They are rescued with great care and some astonishing shooting by a band of rugged Texans, with the heroic and pathetic assistance of a wolf-wounded Savage Sam.



Tommy Kirk and Savage Sam go for a ride.

Knives drawn—and it's Indian against Indian.

BUILD-IT-YOURSELF YACHT

Sea Scouts are building their own 16½-ton yacht at a camp site near Ilford, Essex. When completed it will probably be the biggest boat ever built by boys aged 11 to 18 years. Costing £3,000 to build, it will be worth about £10,000.

Long trips

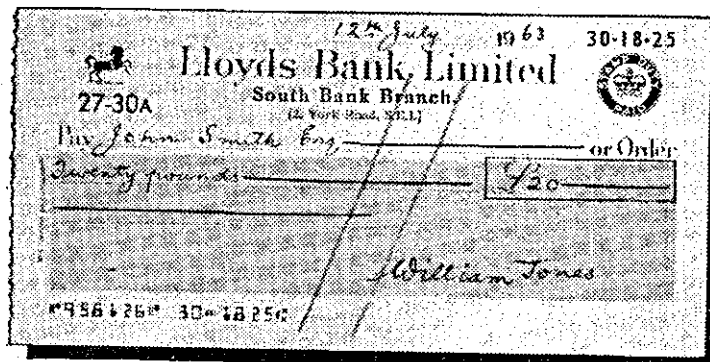
The Sea Scouts will be able to make trips lasting several days in it. The yacht will have eight berths, a full-size chart table, all navigational aids, a depth recorder, and ship-to-shore radio.

When the 40-foot vessel is ready to be launched, the Scouts plan to have it taken to Leigh-on-Sea by road transport.

How We Run Our Country

HOW CHEQUES ARE USED

LAST week we saw what a cheque looked like and how it should be filled in. Now let us have a look at what happens when a cheque is received.



If Jones owes Smith £20, he may write out a cheque and give it to Smith. Smith will then pay the cheque into his bank and his account will be increased by £20. At the same time Jones's account will be decreased by £20. Thus the debt has been settled without any coins changing hands.

It is one of the big advantages of this system that large sums of money can be transferred from one person to another without the use of coins or notes.

No need to go to the Post Office

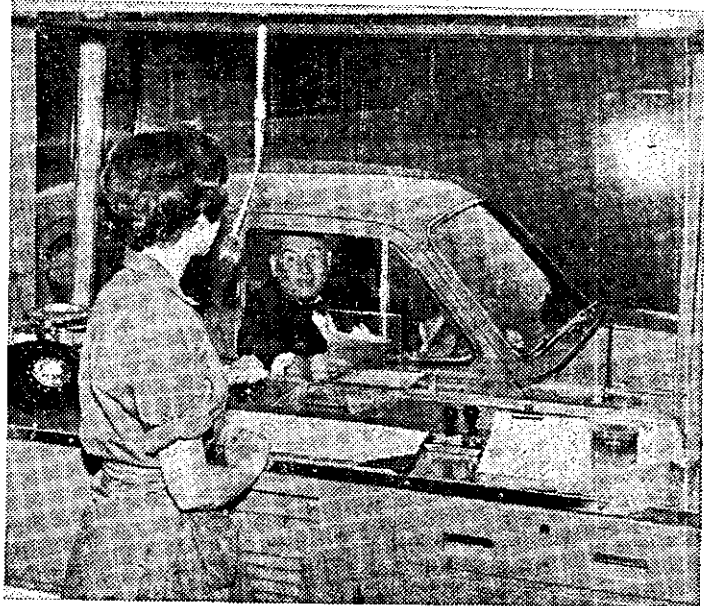
If someone wants to send money from one place to another—say, Canterbury to Durham—he can simply put a crossed cheque in an envelope and post it. There is thus no need to go to the Post Office for postal-orders or registered envelopes.

Once the payment on the cheque has been made, the cheque

is usually returned to the drawer (the person who wrote the cheque out). Should any dispute arise, this cheque provides valuable evidence that a payment has been made.

Probably the main advantage of having a bank account and using cheques is that it prevents the necessity of having to carry large sums of money around, with all the trouble and worry that this involves. All one has to carry is a cheque book. But it is important to remember that a cheque book should always be kept in a safe place; otherwise some thief might get hold of the book and forge some cheques (copy your signature on them) to obtain money for himself. So, if a cheque book is lost, the bank should always be told immediately.

For the past ten weeks we have talked about money and banking. Next week we will be starting another series of articles—this time on Trade Unions.



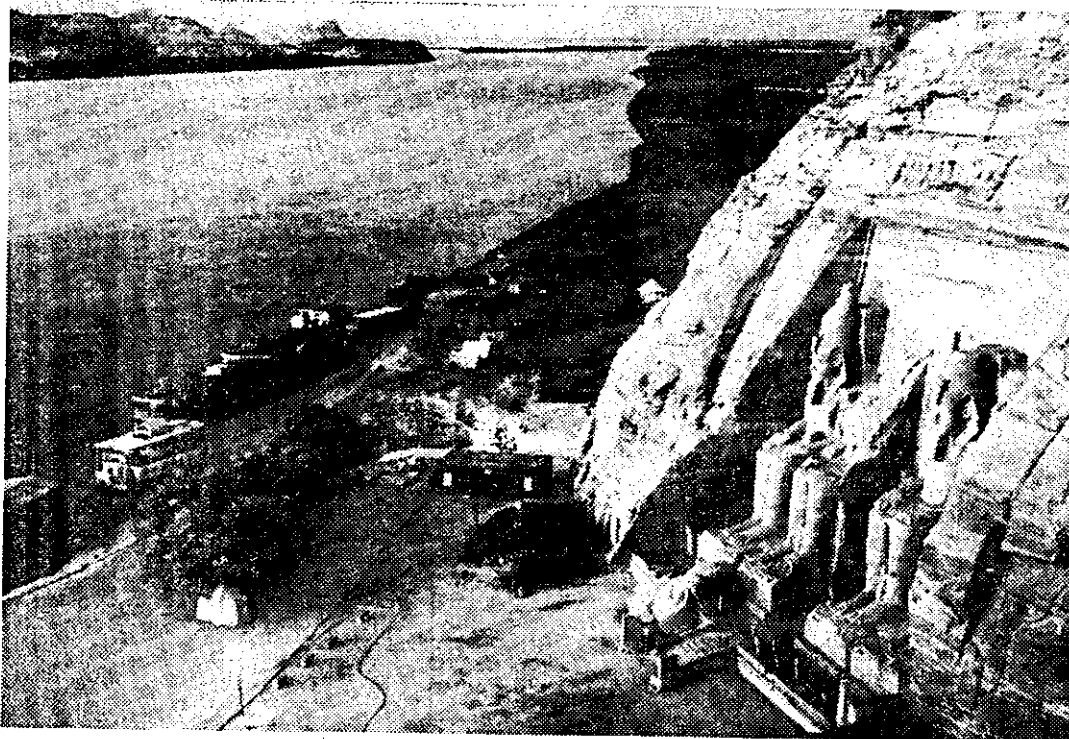
There are now banks in which a customer can drive right up to the counter clerk

NEXT WEEK:

WHAT IS A TRADE UNION?

THE TEMPLES OF ABU SIMBEL

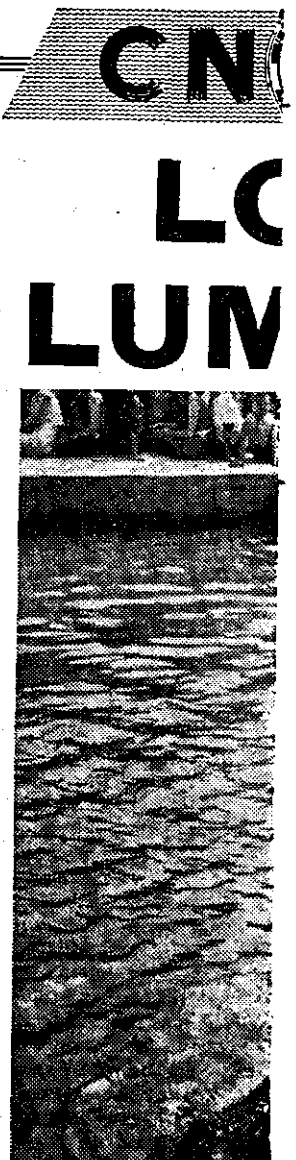
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The huge statues of Ramses II face the River Nile



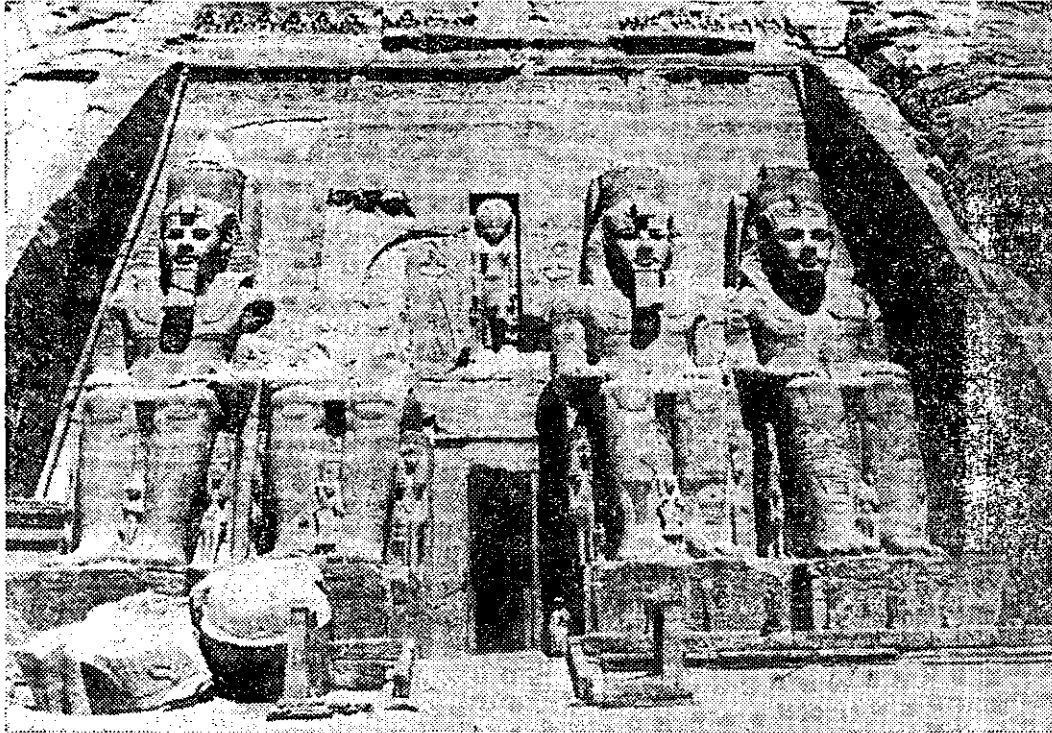
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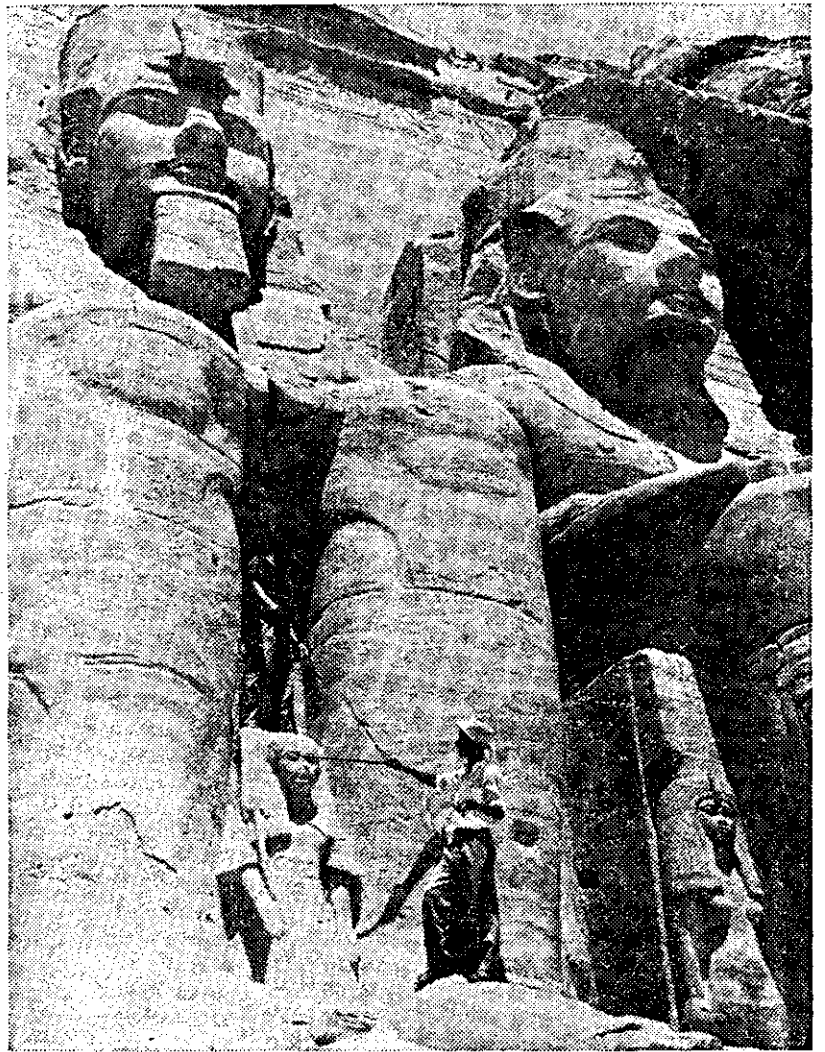
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Spencer, 10th August, 1963

THERE is no doubt that the United Arab Republic needs the water from the Aswan High Dam, which is due to be completed in 18 months. But with the dam there must come a vast lake miles long, which will drown the famous rock temples of Abu Simbel built by the Egyptian king, Rameses II. These magnificent remains of a great civilisation will probably be lost to mankind, for although various schemes have been put forward to save them, the cost would be enormous. Meanwhile, the building of the dam goes on.



The great temple dates back to the 7th century B.C.



Part of the façade of the great temple



PANORAMA

NEWS IN PICTURES

LOG ROLLING TIMBER JACKS

TIMBER logging is a tough, back-breaking business, and you would think, therefore, that the loggers of Canada and the United States would prefer to spend their leisure as far away as possible from anything that bore the slightest resemblance to a tree. Not a bit of it. One of their favourite sports is birling, or log rolling, in which they have to stay high and dry while standing on a twirling, bouncing, floating log. The logging games start in mid July, and a world contest is held annually at Haywards, Wisconsin, once the site of a large-scale timber camp. The world record for staying on a log is three hours, 15 minutes, a time set in 1900.



Champion (right) meets his brother, former champion



A log-roller drops out of a contest!

THE DEPARTING CUCKOOS

"In July—away he'll fly." This is an old saying about the cuckoo; and, unlike many old sayings, this one has some truth in it.

As far as the adult birds are concerned, the journey back to Africa begins in early July and goes on until late August. However, there are frequent stragglers, which probably come from the northern parts of the British Isles, and these may at times be seen much later on.

I remember seeing an adult cuckoo, in company with swallows and house martins, flying southwards one day when I was sitting in a sheltered spot on the Sussex Downs watching the Return Migration—always an exciting sight. This was in the second week in October!

Flying to Africa

The fascinating thing about the cuckoo's return journey to its African home is that the young cuckoos depart and fly off independently of the adults. Naturally, they have never made the journey before, and as they

normally leave rather later than the main body of adults, this is a good example of one of the still mysterious features of bird migration. These young cuckoos may happen to be accompanied by other migratory birds, but that cannot be the complete answer.

Hand-reared

I once had a cuckoo, which I rescued from a hunting cat when it was only a few days old. I hand-reared it and later allowed it the freedom of my garden. It fed itself on grubs, beetles, and caterpillars and, of course, I ceased to feed it by hand in the later stages, because I wanted it to be free to fly off when instinct urged it to do so.

By good luck I timed all this well, for it left me very early one morning at the end of July—just before I, myself, was going away for my holiday!



TAKE A LOOK AT NATURE

with
MAXWELL KNIGHT

Cuckoo resting on a tree stump.

John Markham



It is worth mentioning that the species of cuckoo which visits us in spring is only one of many, and that not all of them lay their eggs in the nests of other birds. Some kinds lay and incubate eggs in the normal way.

BIRD BATH

Starlings in a nest under a bath at Carlton, near Nottingham, strongly objected to anyone taking a bath, and kept up a chorus of complaint the whole time.

Looking Ahead

Astronaut John Glenn was among 15 American space-ace experts who were asked to predict life in 100 years from now.

The "spacemen" prophesy world unity; no more racial tension; war outlawed. Skin and hair will be controlled by chemical biology development. Population of the Moon will be around 100,000—mostly technicians and research engineers and their families.

Mars will have an Earth colony 10,000 strong and 1,000 passenger-carrying space capsules will rocket between the Earth and the planets. Nuclear-powered private planes will replace the motor car.

WHO WANTS TO BE AN ARCHAEOLOGIST?

A guide for boys and girls who want to become professional archaeologists has been produced by the London Museum. This says that the aspiring digger for history must understand, among other things, geology, plant life, geometry, and surveying.

Jobs available for the qualified man or woman are: a few University lectureships; museum staff; posts with the Ministry of Works, and with the Ordnance Survey.

SPOTTING THE FOREIGNERS—BY THEIR CAR NUMBERS

CN reader Terence Gray, of Kettering, has sent us the following account of a fascinating hobby and how he goes about it.

My brother and I have tried a new angle on "car spotting"—logging foreign vehicles.

We have "spotted" on the A6 road at home in Kettering, and on main roads within a 70-mile radius of home—the M1 at Collingtree; the A1 at Stamford; Hyde Park Corner, London; and occasionally Oxford, Cambridge, and Windsor.

As we see each car, we log it in a book with the date, registration, country-identification, and type. In seven years we have seen cars from 145 places, including every State of the USA, and my brother has noted the numbers of some 19,000 foreign vehicles.

The photograph shows him with some of our collection of number-plates and International Identification tags from all over the world. They have been given to us by car owners we have met.

Every time a new country is spotted, we read up its history and geography.

Even the changing political situation is revealed by the car number-plate. All of the following have their own special registration plates: Canadian, British, and American Forces in Europe and Africa; Allied Forces

Southern Europe (AFSE); European Alliance (EUR); United Nations (UN). As new republics are formed and as new nations

come into being—the car registrations change.

Some interesting and peculiar number plates have come our way, of all shapes and sizes—some in Arabic, some in Hebrew, some in Japanese.

UNUSUAL REGISTRATIONS—TABULATED BY THE AUTHOR

NUMBERS ONLY 222 from British Honduras.

LETTERS ONLY VOUS from Connecticut, USA.

THE LONG CDM 75 IT 15510

THE SHORT I Above: French Diplomatic Corps.
Left: Governor of the Falkland Islands.

THE TALL
Switzerland

GE
84
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The round disc is a temporary licence plate of Germany.

This is a plate from Arkansas, USA.

6-30-58 BEEBE HOME OF THE BADGERS 240 ARK



Terence's brother with some of their collection of foreign number plates

The biggest thrill of all is seeing a registration on a car and then on the front page of a newspaper. This has happened several times. I have seen A 555 CY (Silver-grey Jaguar Mark V.) in Paris and also in London. It has a perfectly ordinary Cyprian number plate, but it is the very car which has driven Archbishop Makarios through the streets of Cyprus.

Another car in the news was that of Prince Shiv of Palitana, whom I met in London. His red

Ford Thunderbird has the registration PALITANA 1.

The car of the Governor of the Falkland Islands, who stayed overnight in our home town, had the perfect registration: I—on a black Wolseley 12 H.P. Other notable cars include one from the court household of King Farouk (the former king of Egypt) and the cars of the British Royal Family.

We are looking forward to seeing a tourist car from the USSR.

Don't miss this exciting and unusual serial story about the Old West!

MR MYSTERIOUS AND COMPANY

Paul and Jane are worried about the stranger who has joined their camp for the night. Both are almost convinced he's the Badlands Kid—the outlaw who stole Jeb Grimes's gold and Pa's watch. Both heard the chimes of a pocket watch as the man stood by them.

Was it Pa's watch? Was it the outlaw? Or was the US marshal's badge he wore genuine? Pa must be warned, and they were determined to stay awake until he came to bed...

5. Paul Becomes A Comic

PAUL sat up.

"Jane!" he exclaimed.

Her eyes popped wide open and she sat up too—so suddenly that Anne tumbled out of bed.

"We fell asleep!" Paul exclaimed.

"The Badlands Kid," Jane whispered, in sudden alarm.

"What about the Badlands Kid?" Anne yawned, but Jane put a hand over her mouth.

"Sh-h-h—he'll hear you."

"We'd better go and tell Pa now," Paul said.

They crawled to the rear of the wagon and Anne crept along too.

"What's so secret—" she asked.

"Sh-h-h!"

They shook Pa awake. Before he could yawn, they began telling him about the chiming of the watch and their suspicions about the stranger.

Pa listened to every word. He pursed his lips and frowned and then sharpened the point of his beard.

"It sounded like my watch, did it?"

"Just like it," Jane said.

Mama awoke. "What's all this whispering? What's happened?"

PA pulled on his boots. He walked forward on the wagon bed in his long nightshirt and got his rifle. "Now all of you stay put."

Then he left the wagon, and the family waited. A moment later Paul heard him cock his rifle, and Anne put her hands over her ears.

"Now what is all this?" Mama insisted.

Jane explained, and, Mama turned white.

A moment later Pa re-appeared at the wagon opening. "He's gone," Pa said, uncocking the rifle. "Pulled out in the night. He's long gone."

They discussed the mysterious stranger. Was he really the outlaw, or did a US marshal own a chiming watch exactly like Pa's? At any rate, the man was gone and he had not harmed them.

While the horses were put back in harness, the youngsters found time for a few rounds of jump rope. The Professor watched these goings on with an anxious eye. Then, suddenly, he leaped into the game to try it for himself. He cleared the rope once, twice—but the third time caught him with his feet flat on the ground.

"I've got it!" Jane said, her eyes brightening. "If we can teach the Professor to jump rope, maybe Pa will put him in the show."

"Will you, Pa?" Paul asked.

"That's a smart dog," Pa said.

"But I've never heard of a dog jumping rope."

"We'll teach him," Anne said.

"You'll have to catch him first," Pa laughed, looking up from the harness. "He's gone off to hide."

They broke camp a few minutes later.

Pa took up the reins. "Everybody in?"

"Where's the Professor?" Anne asked.

Pa laughed. "I warned you. That dog doesn't want to jump rope. Brother, you better go fetch him."

Paul jumped down from the wagon and found the Professor digging a deep hole behind the cotton-wood stump.

"Come on, boy. We're leaving."

BUT the Professor wouldn't listen. He kept digging, until all that showed was his tail. Paul pulled him out, picked him up, and started back to the wagon. But the Professor leaped out of Paul's arms and returned to the hole as if it were full of buried buffalo bones.

"Pa, he won't come!"

"Get hold of him and don't let go. We can't wait all morning."

Something bright in the bottom of the hole caught Paul's glance. It looked like the oyster can from last night's supper!

Once more, like a greased pig, the Professor twisted out of Paul's hands to return to the hole. This time, Paul pulled up the can—and a dozen shimmering gold pieces poured out at his bare feet.

"Pa!"

Pa came running. There was no doubt about it now. It was the Badlands Kid who had spent the night around their campfire. And sometime during the night he had buried Jeb Grimes's gold pieces in an oyster can!

DRY Creek was a small cattle town. It was Saturday noon, and there was a great coming and going on the boardwalks and a jingling of spurs. The cowboys were coming to town too, in their

checked shirts, their neckerchiefs and their Stetson hats.

"Joy!" Mama said, clearing the air in front of her face with an embroidered handkerchief, "this town needs a good dusting."

"We'll have a fine crowd tonight," Pa smiled. "Nothing perks up a town like Saturday night."

They found a vacant lot for the show wagon between the livery barn and the barber shop. The side of the barn was tacked with election posters.

"Howdy, Sheriff," Pa said.

"When's the election?"

The sheriff, chewing a piece of straw, had wandered over to the show wagon even before Pa unhitched the horses.

"About two weeks now," the sheriff said.

He had a young, friendly grin, but he had a broken leg. It was

"Sheriff," Pa said, "I wish we could help you. The truth is the Badlands Kid spent the night around our campfire. When we realised who he was, he was already gone. But he can't be far."

"Then my deputy will pick up his trail for sure—though we don't know what the Badlands Kid looks like. He's new in these parts. The stage came through from Cactus City warning us about him. Jeb Grimes has put up a 50-dollar reward."

Pa lifted his hat and scratched his head in pure surprise. "You mean Jeb Grimes is going to part with 50 dollars?"

"For information leading to the arrest of the Badlands Kid—as the saying goes. It's as good as in my deputy's pocket."

by
ALBERT S. FLEISCHMAN

Paul's ears pricked up. He and Jane had let that reward money slip through their fingers! If only they hadn't fallen asleep!

Pa turned the oyster can of gold pieces over to the sheriff.

"The Badlands Kid buried them for safe keeping, but the Professor here dug 'em up."

"I'll see Jeb gets 'em back," the sheriff said. "What time's your show?"

"Seven o'clock sharp."

"The whole town's waiting."



The sheriff had such a nice grin—even while chewing on a piece of straw.

bound up with splints, and he walked with a hickory stick.

"My horse ran over a cut bank and threw me," he told Pa. "And it's going to lose me the election. I can feel it in the wind."

"Folks can't put you out to pasture for a thing like that," Pa said. "Your leg'll heal."

"Maybe they can."

"Who's running against you?"

"My no-account deputy. He's out hunting the Badlands Kid right now. We haven't had many outlaws around here, and if my deputy brings the Kid in—folks will elect him for sure."

JANE began helping Mama hang out their show costumes to air and was listening to every word.

With that, he smiled and tipped his hat to the ladies and walked off toward the sheriff's office. Jane watched him, hoping he wouldn't lose the election. She wished there was something they could do.

PA took Madam Sweetpea into the livery barn for a new set of shoes, for even cows had to be shod when on the trail.

The blacksmith told Pa that Newt Hastings was planning to get married.

"Got his heart set on Mary Jo Abbey," the blacksmith said.

"She lives almost on the other side of New Mexico. But if he loses the election, I guess he'll have to put the wedding off."

The blacksmith gave a shake of

his bushy head. "A man isn't apt to take himself a wife if he don't have a job."

Jane and Paul and Anne spent a good part of the afternoon trying to teach the Professor to jump rope. They raised so much dust that the dog changed colour—from black to brown.

But the youngsters' thoughts kept straying from the rope. Jane couldn't get the sheriff out of her mind. He had such a nice grin—even while chewing on a piece of straw—and such courteous ways. But really, she thought, he had hardly noticed her. If only she were five years older!

It seemed to Jane that growing up was taking forever. She wished Pa could wave his magic wand and turn her into a grown up—even if just for one day. Then the sheriff wouldn't dismiss her with a polite tip of his hat!

Pa was busy with his new trick. He was going to make a chicken give milk during the show that night. He had bought a funnel at the hardware store, and now he got out his toolbox. He was careful that no one was watching over his shoulder as he tinkered with the funnel.

Within an hour he was finished, and he smiled with satisfaction. Pa caught a chicken and tried it out, and the trick worked.

"You young 'uns get cleaned up," he said. "And that goes for the dog as well."

They threw the Professor into a nearby horse trough, where he swam from one end to the other and changed back from brown to black.

"LADIES and gentlemen," Pa began...

The kerosene footlights were ablaze. Mama struck up a chord on the piano, and Pa, in his fancy vest, his frock coat and his stove-pipe hat, bowed low. He looked mysterious indeed.

Pa was waiting for his magic stick. Paul hurried from the wings and tripped. The magic wand went flying. The crowd burst into a roar of laughter, and Paul's face turned as red and shiny as an apple.

Someone handed the wand up to Pa, and Paul retreated to the wings. He wished he could disappear in a puff of smoke. But Pa didn't drop his smile for a moment. If an audience sensed that things were going wrong, it would end up in howls of laughter.

Pa was thinking fast. He had to win the audience—convince folks, somehow, that the show was running smoothly.

"I have the pleasure this evening," he was saying, polishing the magic wand on his coat sleeve, "of introducing a new, baffling and never-before-seen feat of conjuring. For this experiment I will need an ostrich. Did anyone bring an ostrich with him?"

The crowd laughed as they should, for everyone knew there wasn't an ostrich in the whole State of Texas.

"No?" said Pa. "Then may I borrow a peacock? A swan? A sea gull? A stork?"

"I can get you a chicken," the blacksmith called out. "How will that do?"

"That will have to do," Pa said, as if in disappointment. "Make it a hen."

WHILE the blacksmith hurried away for a chicken, Pa addressed the audience again.

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WORLD OF STAMPS

PRINCE ANDREW AND NEW ZEALAND'S HEALTH

by
G. W. HILL

Stampex in Newcastle

THE special postmark shown here will be used on all mail posted at North-East Stampex, the philatelic exhibition to be held in Newcastle-on-Tyne on 19th-21st September.

The exhibition will be staged in the Old Assembly Rooms, Westgate Road, and a view of this historic building appears in the postmark.

A souvenir sheet showing the three British Red Cross centenary stamps is also being issued to celebrate the exhibition.



80 years of the Boys' Brigade

The 80th anniversary of the Boys' Brigade is being celebrated from 14th to 22nd August by an International Camp on the playing fields of Trinity College, Glenalmond, Perthshire. The Commandant will be Sir John Hunt of Everest fame, Director of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme.

Members of the Brigade are coming from 27 overseas countries besides the 1,500 from Britain.

PRINCE ANDREW, the youngest of the Queen's children, is portrayed on two New Zealand stamps which are being issued this week. Pictured here is the 3d. plus 1d. value.

The stamps form the 1963 Health series and both values carry an extra premium of one penny above their face value for postage. The extra pennies collected by sales of the stamps are given to the King George V Fund, which runs special camps for New Zealand children who might not otherwise be able to have a holiday.

This is the 35th year that the New Zealand Post Office has issued Health stamps, and many thousands of pounds have been raised by their sale. The early issues, particularly those of 1931 and 1932, are now quite valuable.

All the Royal children have now appeared on New Zealand Health stamps, for the issue of 1952 portrayed both Prince Charles and Princess Anne. This is not Prince Andrew's first

appearance on a stamp, however. The current £1 stamp of St. Helena shows him as a baby in the Queen's arms.

In October will be issued New Zealand's 1963 Christmas stamp. This will be a 2½d. value intended



mainly for use on Christmas cards. Its design, pictured above, shows "The Holy Family" by the 16th-century Italian artist, Titian.

100 years of free mail

A NEW 5-cents stamp from the United States will appeal to all who like a little humour in stamp designs. The issue marks the centenary of the first free deliveries of mail in American cities. Until 1863, mail was not



Crossword puzzle

ACROSS: 1 Teachable. 5 Mistakes. 10 Part of the verb "to be". 11 Large vessel or tank. 12 Woodland. 15 Threaten. 17 Female sheep. 18 Cut. 20 Hurried. 21 Require. 23 To snare. 24 To let for hire. 25 Colour. 27 Sorrowful. 28 Freedom. 30 Day before an event. 31 So far. 34 Front. 36 Vehicle. 38 Uncommon. 40 Distant. 41 Coal worker. 43 Neither. 44 South-western peninsula of Asia. 46 Roam. 48 Hard-shelled fruit. 49 Equal score. 50 Decayed. 51 Protective head covering.

DOWN: 1 Protect. 2 Profession. 3 Anger. 4 Minus. 6 Assert. 7 Domestic vessel. 8 Gazed at. 9 Pays out. 13 Be in debt. 14 Half a score. 15 Encountered. 16 Tin. 19 Experienced soldier. 22 Dig. 24 A thickness. 26 Perish. 27 Pig pen. 29 Matter. 30 Roving. 32 Bicycle made for two. 33 Weasel-like animal. 35 Used in rowing. 36 By way of. 37 Modern. 39 Fish eggs. 41 Small insect. 42 Degree of speed. 45 Nevertheless. 47 None.

Answer on page 11

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delivered to people's homes or offices, but had to be fetched from the nearest post office. Anyone who wanted his mail delivered had to pay the postman an extra fee, usually two cents for a letter and half a cent for a newspaper.

In the summer of 1863 the United States Post Office began to deliver mail free of charge in about 50 of the largest American cities. Pictured here is the new stamp which marks the centenary of this development.

PICK A PUZZLE

INCOMPLETE SAYINGS

One word is needed to complete each of the well-known sayings given below. If you have the correct answers, you will find that the initial letters will spell the name of a very popular musical instrument.

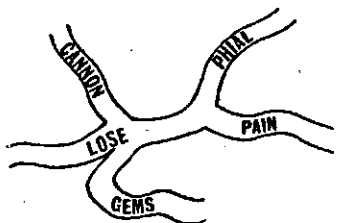
..... makes perfect.
It's an wind that turns none to good.
Circumstances cases.
..... is the mother of invention.
You cannot teach dogs new tricks.

WHICH WORD?

There are several words similar in sound although differently spelled. Can you choose the correct word in each sentence?

He wore a cygnet/signet ring on his finger.
He wrote to the principal/principle of the school.
She was complimented/complemented on her appearance.
Lambs gambol/gamble in the fields.
After strenuous exercise, one's mussels/muscles ache.
Squirrels hoard/horde their nuts for the winter.

RIVERS FROM RHYME



The words here represent the names of five rivers. As a clue, each one rhymes with the particular river. See how quickly you can name all five.

A JUMBLE OF WRITERS

The names of ten writers and books by them are given below, but they have been mixed up. Can you sort them out?

- | | |
|---------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 The Pilgrim's Progress | (a) Jerome K. Jerome |
| 2 The Wind in the Willows | (b) Charles Kingsley |
| 3 Alice in Wonderland | (c) John Bunyan |
| 4 Lorna Doone | (d) Jane Austen |
| 5 Jane Eyre | (e) Alexandre Dumas |
| 6 Three Men in a Boat | (f) Lewis Carroll |
| 7 The Three Musketeers | (g) Charlotte Brontë |
| 8 Pride and Prejudice | (h) Mark Twain |
| 9 Huckleberry Finn | (i) R. D. Blackmore |
| 10 The Water Babies | (j) Kenneth Grahame |

FIND EACH END

The answer to each of the clues begins with the letters PRE. Now see whether you can find all eight words.

To take for granted.
An introduction to a book.
To make ready.
Prime Minister.
Keep intact or from decay.
To make believe.
Go before.
Care taken beforehand.



NAME THE YEAR

Can you pick the years in which these events took place?

The Great Fire of London—1665, 1666, 1666.
Columbus's discovery of the New World—1492, 1521, 1564.
Bleriot's first cross-Channel flight—1899, 1909, 1928.
The Battle of Trafalgar—1812, 1798, 1805.

ANSWERS TO PUZZLES

Incomplete Sayings: Practice; Ill; Alter; Necessity; Old—PIANO. Which word? Signet; principal; complimented; gambol; muscles; hoard. Rivers from rhyme: Shannon; Ouse; Thames; Nile; Seine. Find each end: Presume; pre-face; pre-pare; pre-mier; pre-serve; pre-tend; pre-cede; pre-vent. Name the year: 1666; 1492; 1909; 1805. A jumble of writers: 1 The Pilgrim's Progress—(c) John Bunyan; 2 The Wind in the Willows—



WHO ARE THESE MEN?

Here are the portraits of three world-famous men with political backgrounds. How quickly can you name them?



(j) Kenneth Grahame; 3 Alice in Wonderland—(f) Lewis Carroll; 4 Lorna Doone—(i) R. D. Blackmore; 5 Jane Eyre—(g) Charlotte Brontë; 6 Three Men in a Boat—(a) Jerome K. Jerome; 7 The Three Musketeers—(e) Alexandre Dumas; 8 Pride and Prejudice—(d) Jane Austen; 9 Huckleberry Finn—(h) Mark Twain; 10 The Water Babies—(b) Charles Kingsley. Who are these men? Top: Liberal leader, Mr. Jo Grimond; left: former Labour Prime Minister, Earl Attlee; below: Prime Minister of Tanganyika, Mr. Julius Nyerere.

Crossword Puzzle (P.10):

ACROSS: 1 Docile. 5 Lapses. 10 Are. 11 Vat. 12 Forest. 15 Menace. 17 Ewe. 18 Sever. 20 Ran. 21 Need. 23 Net. 24 Lend. 25 Red. 27 Sad. 28 Liberty. 30 Eve. 31 Yet. 34 Fore. 36 Van. 38 Rare. 40 Far. 41 Miner. 43 Nor. 44 Arabia. 46 Wander. 48 Nut. 49 Tie. 50 Rotten. 51 Helmet. DOWN: 1 Defend. 2 Career. 3 Ire. 4 Less. 6 Aver. 7 Pan. 8 Stared. 9 Spends. 13 Owe. 14 Ten. 15 Met. 16 Can. 19 Veteran. 22 Delve. 24 Layer. 26 Die. 27 Sty. 29 Affair. 30 Errant. 32 Tandem. 33 Ferret. 35 Oar. 36 Via. 37 New. 39 Roe. 41 Mite. 42 Rate. 45 But. 47 Nil.

MR MYSTERIOUS AND COMPANY

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"Is there anyone here who has seen a hen give cow's milk?"

There was a chorus of no's.

"How about you, sir?" Pa asked, pointing to a thin man with a long, gloomy frown, who hadn't been known to crack a smile in 20 years.

"I never heard of such tomfoolery," the man answered in a crotchety voice. "A hen can't give milk. Everybody knows that."

"If I can make a hen give milk, will you drink it?"

"No, sir, I can't abide the stuff."

Pa smiled. "But if I can't make a hen give milk, you won't have to drink it."

"Go on, Clem," someone yelled. "Take him up on it."

Clem shook his gloomy head.

"I ain't drunk milk in 40-odd years," he said. "But you can't get anything but eggs from a hen. I'm on to your fakery. You got everything up your sleeves."

"If I roll up my sleeves?"

"Then I'll drink the milk."

Pa rolled up his sleeves to the elbow, and the blacksmith returned with the hen. She was a big fat one, with red, flapping wings and a temper. Pa held her by the legs and called for his props.

PAUL had the funnel ready, but he hated to face the crowd. What if he tripped again? He stood in the wings, unable to move.

"Hurry, my lad."

There was a tone of command in Pa's voice, and Paul swallowed hard. Then he put one foot carefully in front of the other.

"Trip again," Pa whispered.

Paul could hardly believe his ears. Did Pa want to make him a laughing stock all over again?

"Do as I say."

Paul tripped. Tears all but sprang into his eyes as the crowd howled. Pa caught the funnel in mid-air.

"Thank you, my lad. Now if you will fetch a glass."

Paul returned to the wings, although he wanted to run away. He didn't want to return to the show—to the stage—to Dry Creek.

He looked around for Jane. Where was she? Why couldn't she bring Pa his glass?

But Jane wasn't in the wings, so he had to take the glass himself. He took another breath and started on stage once more.

"Trip again," Pa whispered.

Paul fought back tears and tripped again. Pa caught the glass, and the crowd howled.

But, picking himself up, Paul realised that the laughter had changed in tone. It had a good-natured sound. Folks had come to believe his clumsiness was part of the show! That was what Pa had in mind! What had begun as an embarrassing fall had been turned into entertainment!

PAUL returned to the wings smiling. Maybe, he thought suddenly, they ought to keep the comic falls in the show every night. That made him a kind of performer—almost like an acrobat.

But where, he wondered, was Jane?

On stage, Pa showed the glass and looked through the tin funnel. "Empty glass, empty funnel, fat chicken," he smiled. "Behold!"

He set the glass on the velvet-topped table with gold fringe. He nested the chicken on top of the funnel opening. Then he held the chicken and funnel over the glass.

"Madame Hen," he commanded. "A glass of milk for the gentleman, if you please."

The chicken looked around as if spoiling for a fight.

Not a drop of milk poured out of the funnel.

"Madame Hen," Pa repeated. "Do as I say."

Instantly, a long stream of milk poured out of the funnel and filled the glass to overflowing!

Pa gave out the glass, which was passed from hand to hand until it reached the gloomy-faced man, who wrinkled up his thin nose.

"I ALWAYS stand by my word," he said, "but I can't stand the smell of milk."

"Then I'll hold your nose for you," a neighbour laughed.

With the neighbour's fingers clamped like a clothes peg to his nose, the man poured down the milk.

When the glass was almost empty, the man took a final gulp, and a strange expression came over his face. He licked his lips. His eyes lit up. He grinned. Then he smiled!

Folks around him could hardly believe what they saw—a large, toothy smile!

"Milk from a chicken," he exclaimed. "I never saw such a thing!" The new trick was a complete success. Though the show had started out badly, Pa, using tactics like a general in battle, had won his audience. There would be no catcalls now.

In the wings, Paul whispered urgently, "Jane!"

THERE came no answer. Jane seemed to have vanished and Pa would be needing her in the very next trick!

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**LET'S
GO
FISHING**

AN excellent way of making your bait more attractive is to mix a little cheese with the bread. It can be flavoured, too, with castor sugar or honey.

And fish often prefer cheese just as it is. The soft "soap" kind is the best, since it moulds easily on the hook.

Cut the cheese into cubes, and push the hook through so that the point is just covered. You

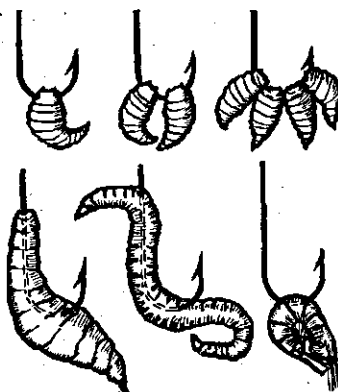
**Specially written for C N
by Harvey Torbett**

can also mould the cubes into cheese paste. Sometimes, when the fish are finicky, I use a No. 12 hook with a morsel of cheese covering only the point of the hook. I have found that, using this method, it isn't long before I have my first fish in the keepnet.

Flour makes up into a useful paste, too. Buy some plain flour, or better still, wholemeal. Then make it up into a dough. Even if the dough is on the soft side, it will cling to the hook.

Other highly successful baits are maggots and worms. A single maggot on a No. 16 or 12 hook will attract various medium-sized fish. Two or more on a No. 10 hook will lure even bigger specimens.

To be really effective, however, the maggot should be hooked through the tough skin at the blunt end of the body. This will



**Top: Maggot baits. Bottom:
Tail of a worm; whole
worm; and freshwater
shrimp.**

enable it to wriggle about just like a natural insect.

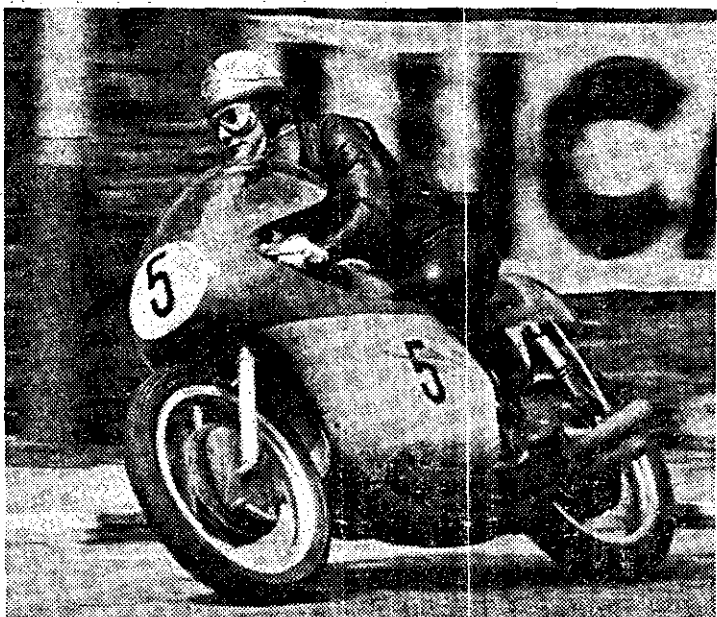
Worms are a great delicacy with both game and coarse fish. The tail or head of a lobworm—the biggest of our garden worms—is a favourite dish of that striped fighter, the perch.

Freshwater shrimps are also useful baits, though you may find them difficult to obtain from your dealer. A good way to get some is to soak a few pieces of bread in a piece of cloth, which should be squeezed out and then placed in the water beside the bank. Before long you will find shrimps clinging to the cloth, through which they will be sucking particles of the bread. Lift your cloth clear of the water, and, if you do so gently, you will find that the shrimps are still on it. Pop them into a water-filled tin or jar, and you will have some very lively baits.

**Next week: Rod Licences and
Day Tickets**

MOTOR-CYCLING GOES TO DUNDROD

THE ULSTER GRAND PRIX motor-cycle race takes place over the Dundrod circuit on Saturday. The race counts towards the riders' world championship.



**Mike Hailwood on his 500 cc
MV Agusta.**

Mike Hailwood won this 500 cc class race there last year, and he eventually became world champion. He is at the top again this year, and a win on his MV Agusta on Saturday would do much to ensure that he retains the title.

His most serious challengers are John Hartle and Phil Read. They will be riding the Gilera machines of Geoff Duke, himself a former world champion.

There will be special interest in the races for smaller machines, for the Japanese are bringing their remarkable two-stroke Suzukis. Their 125 cc and 50 cc machines have carried all before them this season.

At present, however, Dundrod does not have races for the 50 cc class.

Grants for sports clubs

OVER 80,000 copies of "Grants for Amateur Sports Clubs," a new pamphlet prepared by the Ministry of Education and Central Office of Information, are being distributed through the Central Council of Physical Recreation and the national sports organisations. It shows sports clubs whether and how they can apply for the increased capital grants under the Physical Training and Recreation Act, 1937, which Lord Hailsham announced in Parliament on 22nd May.

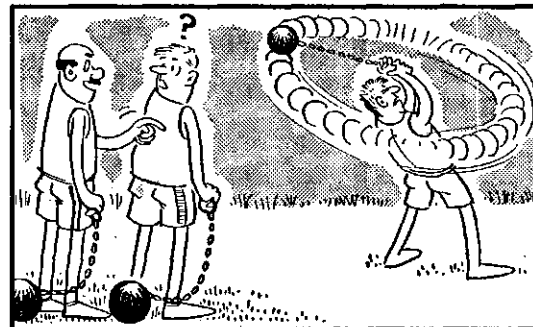
Application forms and copies of the pamphlet can be obtained from the Ministry of Education (F.E.II Branch), Curzon Street, London, W.1; or from the Ministry of Education (Welsh Department), 8 Cathedral Road, Cardiff.

HOW TO BECOME A KING TRAPPER

ROGER CARRIERE has been crowned King Trapper of the Northern Manitoba Trappers' Festival for the fifth successive year. And this proves what a mighty man he is.

To win the King Trapper crown a contestant must excel in log-lifting and jousting, fish-eating, ice fishing, paddling, rat-skinning, and trap-setting. Roger, who is 33, stands 5 feet 11 inches, and weighs

15 stone, won them all. To add to his triumphs he ran 100 yards in 23 seconds while carrying a 125 lb. canoe. In a flour-packing contest he jogged around with a 650 lb. sack on his back, while in a swimming competition he covered the mile in 19 minutes. And in Indian wrestling Roger defeated all challengers within a few seconds!



Stuart Mackenzie

champion sculler several times, form one of the finest partnerships in international rowing. At Henley this year they won the Goblets, and between them they have won 17 medals in events at this Regatta.

ALL-ROUND ALFIE

Extras . . .

Athletics

In Moscow the other day Elvira Ozolina hurled the javelin 196 feet 1½ inches, to break her own world record.

A decathlon for juniors is to be staged at Alperton, Middlesex, on 21st September. There will be five events—200 and 1,500 metres, 110 metres hurdles, pole vault, and discus.

Canoeing



Geoff Dinsdale (21) of North Cheam, Surrey, is Britain's leading slalom canoeist. He will be taking part in the World Slalom Championships which are being held at Spittal, Austria, from Saturday until Wednesday (14th August).

Cricket

The West Indies have agreed to meet the winners of the Knock-Out Cup competition. Sussex and Worcestershire meet in the final at Lord's on 7th September.

Fishing

Paul Bowden (16) of Manchester landed a catch while fishing in the Macclesfield Canal, and it brought him a prize of £1,000. The fish was one of 100 tagged and put in the canal by a Burton-Trent firm.

Golf

There will be 64 players in the final of the Professional Footballers' championship, which is being held at Fulwell Park, Hampton Hill, Middlesex, next Monday.

Rugby

The German Federation team is to play matches at Llanelly on 2nd September, and at Coventry two days later.

Soccer

England will play in an international tournament in Brazil next summer, when the Brazilian Football Association celebrates its 50th anniversary.

Sheepdog Trials

The Northern Ireland national championships are to be held at Baronscourt, Co. Tyrone, on Saturday. From these championships, in which 25 dogs will compete, will be selected the team to represent Northern Ireland in the international championships at York next month.

South Pacific Games

The first South Pacific Games will be held at Suva, capital of Fiji, at the end of this month. Fourteen territories will be represented.